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## Jim Thomson wins TNT Super Series Championship - Tom Coonly wins Race of Champions - Thomson, Jablonski win Races 9 & 10

*Thomson locks up championship with Friday night's win!*

**NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO (September 6, 2016)** The TNTSS Championship Weekend presented by Sam LoVetro Automotive did not disappoint. Jim Thomson from Niagara Falls, Ontario scored the 2016 Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series championship with a dominating win on Friday at Lancaster Dragway. Then on Saturday at Empire Dragway, Blasdell New York's Tom Coonly topped the field in the REVS Full Throttle Powersports RACE OF CHAMPIONS and JJ Jablonski from Alden, New York won the final TNTSS race of the season.

### **Friday Results**

Jim Thomson wasted no time in his chase for the title qualifying #1 with a 7.002. Then he marched through the field - running 7.00 five of the seven times he went down the track - to win the event and clinch the points title before the night was done.

A bye run in round one set him up to face two-time TNTSS champion, JJ Jablonski in round two. Thomson had the tree (.512 to .523) and carried the lead through to the stripe when both drivers peddled it and posted identical



7.023's. He paired with Larry Pulver next, had the tree by .015 and ran dead 8 for the W.

In the semi's, it was another former TNTSS champion Dave Surmatchewski. Thomson drilled the tree with a perfect .500 to a .531 and ran 7.008 to a 7.009 for another beacon.

The money round was Thomson against Bill Elekes. Thomson was behind by .019 off the line but that didn't matter as he ran dead 3 to Elekes' 7.031 to win the night and lock up his first championship in the highly competitive sportsman series.

"I would like to thank my wife (Raeann) and sons (Jimmy and Curt) for supporting me," said Thomson. "I need to thank Joe Boniferro of Joe's Transmission and my brother Rob at Four Seasons Roofing for the support they give me every year. Also Kevin Goodacre for keeping an eye out in the burnout."

He was quick to say thanks to Sam LoVetro for sponsoring the weekend and to Joe Boniferro & Ted Barnes for putting on a great series. "Can't forget Nicole Jablonski and Charlene Lepp for helping out on race days."

### **Saturday Results**

Saturday's action saw JJ Jablonski win the final race in the 2016 TNTSS season. He returned Friday's favour and put out Thomson in round one with a .011 to a .021 light running 7.017 to Thomson's 7.009, a close .002 MOV.

Mike Sobczynski's .003 red light in round two advanced Jablonski to face Ryan Boniferro in round three. Both drivers killed the tree with Jablonski having a slight lead (.001 to .006) and then running identical 6.979 ET's, Jablonski getting the W.



This gave him a bye to the final where he paired with Harry Phelps. Jablonski missed the tree and Phelps was .008 but luck was on his side as Phelps couldn't run the number and Jablonski coasted to a 7.054 victory.

"Thanks to my wife Nicole, my mother Halina, Jason Vitez, Jeff Gregoire, Joe Boniferro and Ted Barnes." Sponsors on the 1967 Nova include Jason Vitez Race Cars, Jan-Cen Racing Engines and Competition Transmission.

"Labor day weekend I always race with my dad riding along with me. This year marked the 14th year since his passing. I definitely needed the luck with a couple rounds that I was not stellar on the tree - a close one with Ryan Boniferro and to beat Mr 7.00 himself, Jim Thomson."

Jablonski went on, "I love the series and the guys that run in it. Jason (Vitez) and I struggled a bit this year but are looking forward to next year."

### **RACE of CHAMPIONS Results**

Later that night, the annual REVS Full Throttle Powersports TNTSS RACE OF CHAMPIONS hit the track. This free race is open to all past TNTSS event winners and pays \$1200/win and \$400/ru. Tom Coonly from Blasdell, New York bested the field and took the win in style.

He hit Steve McCarrick with a six total package in round one (.006 tree and 7.000) advancing to face Harry Phelps. There he was late with a .009 to Phelps' .002 light but won in a double breakout 6.994 to 6.989. In the semi's Billy Ryan tried with a better .017 to a .032 light but Coonly pushed him under to a 6.997 versus a 7.005.



The final round had Coonly against Dave Surmatchewski. Coonly went trip zip (.000) on the tree to Surmatchewski's .035 putting him out in front and he never looked back, taking the stripe with a 7.032 to a 7.019 and pocketing the \$1200 cash purse.

"I'm glad to get that monkey off my back!" said Coonly. "Been a long time since I've been in the TNTSS winner's circle! Have to thank Jamie Stoneman, Jeff Gregoire and Pete D'Agnolo." Sponsors include Phil's Quality Auto Service, Autos Direct of Buffalo and Data Clutch Throttle Stop Data Acquisition Tool. "Also want to thank Ted, Joe and REVS Full Throttle Powersports for the whole deal."

### **Specialty Awards - Friday**

- **Hoosier Tire Canada \$100 certificate** - Number One Qualifier
  - Jim Thomson with a 7.002
- **J&S Collision \$50 cash** - Closest to the Index (1st Round Loser)
  - Art Jones with a 7.005
- **VP Fuels \$50 certificate** - Closest to the Index (2nd Round Loser)
  - Dave Gunn with a 7.016
- **VP Fuels \$50 certificate** - Closest to the Index (3rd Round Loser)
  - Joe Karosik with a 7.030

### **Specialty Awards - Saturday**

- **Hoosier Tire Canada \$100 certificate** - Number One Qualifier
  - Mike Sobczynski with a 7.001
- **J&S Collision \$50 cash** - Closest to the Index (1st Round Loser)
  - Jim Thomson with a 7.009
- **VP Fuels \$50 certificate** - Closest to the Index (2nd Round Loser)
  - Dave Gunn with a 7.012
- **VP Fuels \$50 certificate** - Closest to the Index (3rd Round Loser)
  - Billy Ryan with a 7.006

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### **2016 Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series Points Standings - Top Ten (Final)**

<b>1</b>	Jim	Thomson	765
<b>2</b>	Dave	Gunn	619
<b>3</b>	Harry	Phelps	608
<b>4</b>	David	Surmatchewski	596
<b>5</b>	Jason/JJ	Vitez/Jablonski	593
<b>6</b>	Bill	Elekes	590
<b>7</b>	Ryan	Boniferro	589
<b>8</b>	Art	Jones	582
<b>9</b>	Billy	Ryan	578
<b>10</b>	Paul/Pat	Young/P Boniferro	550

#### **About the Joe's Transmission TNT Super Series (TNTSS):**

Since it began in 2006, the TNT Super Series has grown into one of the strongest, most competitive sportsman drag racing series in North America and has catapulted many competitors to success on the national and divisional stages.

The TNTSS is a self-governing organization with input from its teams. Based on NHRA's Super Street & IHRA's Hot Rod classes, competitors run on a 10.90 index in the 1/4 mile (7.00 in the 1/8 mile) and race for a guaranteed purse that pays back more than 100% of the racer's entry fees. The yearend points fund provides cash & prizes to the top eight finishers and the Series Champion receives a prize package worth over \$4000.00.

The TNTSS is committed to providing the highest level of competition backed by solid media support to showcase its participants across North America. Events are contested at various drag racing facilities in southern Ontario and western New York and put on a spectacular show for the drag racing fan.

#### **About Joe's Transmission**

Joe Boniferro has owned and operated Joe's Transmission Service in Niagara Falls, Ontario since 1984. From the original single bay location, the business has progressed to a six bay, five employee automotive complex on Arthur Street. The two storey building houses Joe's Transmission (Commercial, Fleet and Performance Divisions) and Al's Radiator Service. They sell and install aftermarket high performance parts and accessories. As a Firestone Dealer they sell and install drag racing tires. Their specialty is building and repairing high performance transmissions. Contact Joe and his team at (905) 374-6116 or visit them online at [www.joestransmission.com](http://www.joestransmission.com).

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